

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Tennessee State Legislative Internship Program.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are especially pleased to recognize those individuals who founded, preserved, and who are currently engaged in the advancement of the Tennessee State Legislative Internship Program, which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the lengthy duration of the legislative internship program serves as a testament to its success and its merit; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly implemented the internship program in 1972, through its enactment of Public Chapter 706; and

WHEREAS, the statutory authority for the program is contained in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 6, which states in Section 49-50-601: "There is hereby created the legislative internship program which shall be a continuing part of the General Assembly's staff operation"; and

WHEREAS, Public Chapter 706 was passed and approved in April of 1972, under the leadership of John S. Wilder, Speaker of the Senate, and James R. McKinney, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the founders' vision has indelibly influenced those who have had the honor of participating in the legislative internship program, which allows for great lessons to be learned and for substantive skills to be achieved; and

WHEREAS, the program continues to forge principled community leaders for the benefit of the diverse population of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with the skills obtained from the internship program, participants continue to achieve, lead, and impact their communities with professionalism and integrity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Tennessee State Legislative Internship Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our most sincere appreciation to all of the participating educational institutions, as well as Administrator of the Legislative Internship Program, Donna Morgan; Director of the Legislative Administration, Connie T. Frederick; Speaker of the Senate, Ron Ramsey; Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jimmy Neifeh; and Governor Phil Bredesen for their outstanding contributions to and continued support of the Tennessee State Legislative Internship Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.